

House Resolution No. 3205

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives willingly pause to remember the heartfelt contributions which men and women have made down through the years through their honorable service in the various branches which make up the United States Military; and

Whereas, the surviving soldiers of the 951st and 183rd Field Artillery Battalions which saw arduous service during World War II will meet for a reunion during July 2004 in Branson, Missouri; and

Whereas, the men and officers of the 951st and 183rd Field Artillery Battalions who are unable to attend the Branson reunion, whether due to death, ill health, or infirmity, will be represented by their beloved progeny at the gathering which will serve to memorialize their valor, contributions, and faithful service in the never-ending struggle to defeat tyranny and foster democracy around the world; and

Whereas, the 951st and 183rd Field Artillery Battalions were part of the VII Corps led by Lieutenant General J. Lawton Collins which proved to be victorious at the close of World War II; and

Whereas, the 951st and 183rd Field Artillery Battalions participated in the Campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe, and were awarded the French Croix de Guerre for their valiant, successful sacrifices; and

Whereas, the 951st Field Artillery Battalion landed on Utah Beach on June 12, 1944, which was known at the time as D+6; and

Whereas, the 183rd Field Artillery Battalion landed on Utah Beach on D+9 and D+10, June 15 and June 16, 1944; and

Whereas, the 951st and 183rd Field Artillery Battalions continued the fight to liberate Europe through the battle for Hurtgen Forest in October 1944 and the Battle of the Bulge in the Belgian Ardennes from December 1944 to January 1945; and

Whereas, the valor, heroism, determination, and dedication of the men of the 951st and 183rd Field Artillery Battalions were instrumental in freeing France, Belgium, and Germany from domination by Nazi rule:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute the members of the 951st and 183rd Field Artillery Battalions; to commemorate the courage of those who fell in battle, died later as civilians, or remain today as living memorials; and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's sincerest best wishes for a highly successful reunion during July 2004 in Branson, Missouri; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the officers and men of the 951st and 183rd Field Artillery Battalions of World War II.

Offered by _____
Representative Thomas E. George
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I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3205, adopted May 24, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker